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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0938

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, ID, PP
SUBJECT: BORDER ACTIVITY: INDONESIANS WITHDRAW, PATROLS
INCREASED

REF: PORT MORESBY 0934

1. INDONESIAN TROOPS WITHDREW FROM PNG TERRITORY JUNE 21
WITHOUT INCIDENT. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR ANNOUNCED INCURSION
HAD BEEN ACCIDENTIAL, AN OPINION SHARED BY SENIOR
PNGDF OFFICERS WHO ATTRIBUTED IT TO INDONESIANS' LACK OF
GOOD, LARGE SCALE MAPS OF AREA.

2. ADDITIONAL PNG POLICE AND A FEW MORE TROOPS ARRIVED IN
VANIMO JUNE 22 TO AUGMENT FURTHER THE BORDER PATROLS WHICH
NOW NUMBER BETWEEN 500-600 MEN. DEFENCE FORCE OFFICERS
TELL US AIR NIUGINI PROVIDED MOST OF TROOP LIFT OVER LAST
FEW DAYS.

3. PARLIAMENTARIANS BEGINNING TO CRITICIZE OPERATION FROM
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VARIOUS ANGLES. APART FROM OPPOSITION CENTERING ON
POTENTIAL IMPACT ON REBELS, FOR WHOM MOST SYMPATHETIC,
CRITICISM BASED ON LEGALITY OF USE OF DEFENCE FORCE
WITHOUT ACT OF PARLIAMENT OR HEAD OF STATE ACTING ON
ADVICE OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AS SEEMINGLY
REQUIRED BY CONSTITUTION. WE SAY SEEMINGLY AS CONSTITUTIONAL
REQUIREMENTS VARY, DEPENDING UPON PURPOSE FOR WHICH

DEFENCE FORCE CALLED OUT. THIS FIRST TIME PNGDF HAS
BEEN ORDERED TO DEPLOY ITS MAJOR GROUND FORCES AND
CONSTITUTIONALITY OF PROCESS HAS NOT BEEN TESTED.
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